

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 4, and 11. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

A₁ 1. (Amended) A sled module for a mass storage device comprising:
a housing;
a circuit board mounted to a portion of the housing, the circuit board having an end mounted connector for control signals;
a mass storage device having an enclosure and a control signal connector; and
spacers positioning the mass storage device within the housing at a position juxtaposed with respect to the circuit board such that the signal connectors on the circuit board and the mass storage device are aligned with one another, the spacers thus permitting the sled module to adapt to mass storage devices having control signal connectors with different configurations.

A₂ 4. (Amended) The sled module of claim 3 wherein the spacers position the mass storage device such that the data interface and power supply ports on the mass storage device mate with data interface and power supply connectors on the circuit board.

A₃ 11. (Amended) A method for mounting a mass storage device having an enclosure and a control signal connector comprising:
providing a sled module comprising a housing, a circuit board mounted to a portion of the housing, the circuit board having an end mounted connector for signals;
positioning spacers within the housing such that the mass storage device, when inserted into the housing, is positioned with respect to the circuit board such that the signal connectors on the circuit board and the mass storage device are aligned with one another the spacers thus permitting the sled module to adapt to mass storage devices having control signal connectors with different configurations; and
inserting the mass storage device within the housing.